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1. REFTEL (A) HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH DANISH MFA AS PART OF EMBASSY'S CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS. THE DANES ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH OUR OBJECTIVES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA, AND DANISH OBSERVER EIGEL PETERSEN (REF C) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT AND CONSULT WITH THE US DELEGATION TO MEETING.

2. DANES SHARE OUR CONCERN THAT POLEMICS MAY OBSCURE ISSUES OR DIVERT ENERGIES FROM OBTAINING MEANINGFUL ACTION ON ITEMS OF PRINCIPAL CONCERN. NOTING THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE NORDIC RESOLUTION ON UGANDA IN THE 32ND UNGA, MFA SOURCES OBSERVED THAT THE TACTICS USED IN PURSUING A UGANDA RESOLUTION WILL BE OF GREATEST IMPORT. THEY INQUIRED IF THE US WOULD CON-
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TINUE TO CHAMPION A RESOLUTION ON DISSENT IN THE SOVIET UNION (RECALLING WE HAD TABLED A RESOLUTION ON THAT SUBJECT LAST YEAR). DANES ARE FEARFUL SUCH A DISPUTE OVER A RESOLUTION MIGHT WEAKEN EFFORTS IN OTHER AREAS.

3. THE DANES ALSO TELL US THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED THEM REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR BRITISH INITIATIVES ON UGANDA AND

CAMBODIAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (REF A, PARA 5) AT THE GENEVA MEETING. DANISH RESPONSES WERE "POSITIVE" (FURTHER DETAILS NOT YET AVAILABLE).

4. MFA AGREES THE HRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES IS IMPORTANT AND BELIEVES AMBASSADOR CARTER SHOULD REMAIN ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

5. MFA IS INCORPORATING US VIEWS PER REFTELS IN EC EXPERTS DISCUSSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FEBRUARY 2.
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